Coldwater Dec 13th 24

Mr J. C. Collier

Dear Cousin,

I would have written to you
before but my Crippled right-
arm has been giving me
trouble, the wrist and hand
being badly swollen, I am
glad you appreciate the
gold pen, it's gold but
not up to date and not
the most expensive in to-
day. The pen in the staff
is no good it being bent

had so much people looking
at it. it never has been
written with. I felt that
you would like heirlooms.
I am glad the chickens
reached you in good
shape. I was afraid they
were too much crowded
& intended sending Pie
but the box was too small
Cousin Jessie you remem
ber the sweater you sent
me? a dark blue 44 in
Bust measure all wool
light weight. a friend of
mine wants you to send
her one and the price
and she will send

you the money right-
back. Send it to me
& will deliver it to her -
She wants it like mine
the ones in the store
here are too thick. and
none large enough for her
Many thanks for the check
you sent me. bow
Do Pride, and
such a help to me and
I do appreciate it so much -
I am waiting for that
promised visit. I would
have written to Cousin
Dorcas, but my hand
was out of use so you
can tell him for me that
I wish all the success and

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pleasure he can get of
his trip to Europe. and
more than all his safe
return to home and
loved ones and that
"Darling baby."
Wishing you all a happy
Christmas. My best
love to each one of
you. I am sincerely
your Cousin
Mary Lou Sharman